§ 174.5 Vessel means every description of watercraft or other artificial contrivance used, or capable of being used, as a means of transportation on water.

§ 174.5 Requirements for approval.
The Commandant approves a State numbering system if he or she finds, after examination of the information submitted by a State, that the State numbering system and vessel casualty reporting system meet the requirements of this part, 46 U.S.C. 6102, and 46 U.S.C. Chapter 123.

§ 174.7 Approval procedure.
To obtain approval by the Commandant of a numbering system or of any revision to a numbering system, an authorized representative of the State must submit three copies of the State laws, regulations, forms, and policy statements, if any, that pertain to the numbering system or revision to Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety (CG–542), 2100 2nd St. SW., Stop 7581, Washington, DC 20593–7581.

Subpart B—Numbering System Requirements

§ 174.11 Applicability of State numbering system.
(a) Except as allowed in paragraph (c) of this section, a State numbering system must require the numbering of vessels to which §173.11 of this chapter applies.
(b) A State numbering system may require the numbering of any vessel subject to the jurisdiction of the State unless prohibited by the regulations in Part 173 of this chapter.
(c) A State numbering system may exempt from its numbering requirements any vessel or class of vessels to which §173.13 of this chapter applies.

§ 174.13 Owner or operator requirements.
A State numbering system must contain the requirements applicable to an owner or a person operating a vessel that are prescribed in the following sections of Part 173:
(a) Paragraph (a) of §173.15 Vessel number required.
(b) Section 173.19 Other numbers prohibited.
(c) Paragraph (a) of §173.21 Certificate of number required.
(d) Section 173.23 Inspection of certificate.
(e) Section 173.25 Location of certificate of number.
(f) Section 173.29 Notification of issuing authority.
(g) Section 173.71 Application for certificate of number.
(h) Section 173.73 Duplicate certificate of number.
(46 U.S.C. 1451, 1467, 1488; 49 CFR 1.46(n)(1))
(CGD 77–117, 44 FR 42195, July 19, 1979)

§ 174.14 State numbering system optional sections.
In addition to the requirements in §174.13, a State numbering system may contain any of the other requirements applicable to a vessel owner or operator prescribed in Part 173.
(46 U.S.C. 1451, 1467, 1488; 49 CFR 1.46(n)(1))
(CGD 77–117, 44 FR 42195, July 19, 1979, as amended by USCG–1999–5832, 64 FR 34715, June 29, 1999)

§ 174.15 Validation stickers.
(a) If a State issues validation stickers, its numbering system must contain the requirements that stickers must be displayed within 6 inches of the number and the stickers must meet the requirements in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section.
(b) Validation stickers must be approximately 3 inches square.
(c) The year in which each validation sticker expires must be indicated by the colors, blue, international orange, green, and red, in rotation beginning with blue for stickers that expire in 1973.